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AGAINST MANIPULATION OF DATA STORED IN A STORAGE  
ARRANGEMENT OF THE MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** do not appear in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** do not appear in this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.